

## **PAC-12 MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Oregon and Washington won their opening-round dual matches on Day 1 of The Ojai to advance to the second round of the 2016 Pac-12 Men's Tennis Championships. The Ducks will face fourth-seeded Stanford on Thursday at noon at Libbey Park, while the Huskies will play against third-seeded California at 3 p.m.

Fifth-seeded Oregon was dominant in securing their victory over No. 8 Arizona, winning the match by a score of 4-0. The Ducks secured the doubles point with wins on the second and third courts, as the duo of Daan Maasland and Simon Stevens won on court No. 2 and Cormac Clissold teamed with Thomas Laurent to win on court No. 3. Laurent picked up the first singles win, as he defeated UA's Jason Jaruvang on court No. 3, 6-0, 6-2. Jayson Amos followed with a 6-1, 6-4 win of his own on court No. 4. Stevens of Oregon clinched the match for the Ducks with a 7-6 (4), 6-1 win on court No. 2.

The Huskies won a close match against No. 7-seeded Utah in their championship opener, defeating the Utes, 4-3. The doubles point went to the Huskies after Kawika Lam and Enzo Sommer won on court No. 2 by a score of 6-3 to secure the point for the Huskies. Jake Douglas and Gal Hakak won on court No. 3, 6-3, as well. In singles play, it was a battle. Mitch Stewart of Washington won on court No. 1, 7-5, 6-3. Hakak won in three sets for the Huskies to claim the win, 6-1, 4-6, 6-4 on court No. 3 while Lam won on court No. 6, 7-5, 6-4. Utah's David Micevski (6-4, 6-4, court No. 2), Egbert Weverink (6-4, 1-6, 6-3, court No. 4) and Parker McGuinness (1-6, 6-3, 6-3, court No. 5) all scored singles points for the Utes.

The 2016 Pac-12 Tennis Championships continue today. The semifinals will take place on Friday, with the championship match scheduled for Saturday. All matches take place at Libbey Park in Ojai, Calif. The women begin singles and doubles action tomorrow at 8 a.m. PT at Ojai Valley Athletic Club. For more information, visit [pac-12.com/tennischamps](http://pac-12.com/tennischamps).

## **PAC-12 WOMEN'S REGULAR SEASON FINALE**

The No. 13-nationally ranked Stanford downed No. 19 USC 4-2 on Wednesday afternoon to capture the Pac-12 regular-season championship. Caroline Lampl clinched her team-best sixth match, defeating Jessica Failla 4-6, 6-1, 6-3 as Stanford turned a 2-0 deficit into a 4-3 match victory.

## **OPEN DIVISION TODAY:**

Top-seeded Deiton Baughman of Carson opens up play at the Ojai Valley Inn against Jens Sweaney at 11 a.m. Twelve-time Open finalist and seven-time winner and No. 5-seeded Lester Cook plays at 12:30 p.m. against Connor Hudson of Golden, Colo. No. 2-seeded Clay Thompson faces Alhassan Kenawi of Irvine at 12:30 p.m. In women's action, top-seeded former University of Florida All-American Lauren Embree all the rest of the women open play on Friday at the OVI.

## **JUNIORS TODAY:**

The Junior divisions, including CIF Boys Singles and Doubles, start Thursday with top-seeded Jacob Brumm of Torrey Pines High taking on Lucas Chmielewski of La Canada High at Upper Libbey Park starting at 9 a.m. Junior tournament director Craig Fugle reported 460 players in

eight divisions with the juniors mostly playing on private courts around Ojai. “These Thursday matches will take place on 45 courts at 20 different locations,” Fugle said. The CIF divisions are headquartered at Thacher School and are being run by SCTA Junior Comp Director and Junior Tournament Referee Trevor Kroenemann, a former Ojai champion. There are 270 junior matches scheduled for Thursday alone. And all junior finals are Saturday at Libbey Park.

### **INDEPENDENT COLLEGES**

**MEN:** Play starts on Friday and Brendan Aguilar of San Diego Christian is the top-seed and plays his first round at Camino Real Park in Ventura.

**WOMEN:** Erin Walker of Abilene Christian is the top seed and plays Thursday morning at Pierpont Racquet Club.

**MEN’S DIVISION III WEST REGIONAL:** Claremont Mudd Scripps’ Skyler Butts is top-seeded with play starting Friday at Pierpont Racquet Club.

### **CCCAA STATE CHAMPS DECIDED IN VENTURA**

**MEN:** Southern California swept Northern California of the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) championship medals as Irvine Valley College’s men’s tennis team and Cerritos College’s women’s team won 2016 CCCAA Dual Team State titles in kicking off the 116th Ojai Valley Tennis Tournament on Wednesday. Irvine Valley (Irvine, Calif.) repeated as state champions with a convincing 5-1 victory over American River College (Sacramento) in a matchup of Southern and Northern California region top seeds at Ventura College. Javi Callejo, Octave Bellet and Bruno Figlia won their singles matches in straight sets for the Lasers, only yielding a combined three games in the three matches. Figlia was the only Laser to capture two points as he teamed with Scott Paz to win 8-4 in doubles. Irvine Valley’s Gavin Lynch and Kevin Pham also won their set in doubles, 8-3. The Lasers (21-2), playing in their third consecutive State final, won their last 16 matches of the season and completed a perfect season against community college competition (both defeats came to four-year universities). American River’s No. 1 doubles team of Joseph Capaul and Alex Meliuk earned the only point for the Beavers (17-3) with an 8-3 victory over Sam Cohen and Callejo.

**WOMEN:** Cerritos (Cerritos, Calif.) won its first state championship in dominating De Anza College (Cupertino, Calif.), 5-1, in the women’s final at Pierpont Racquet Club in Ventura, Calif. Falcons sophomore No. 1 singles player Taylor Heath clinched the title by defeating Van Nguyen, 6-4, 6-3 to earn the deciding point. Freshmen Tiffany Sanchez and Valentina Polonyi teamed together to win in doubles, 8-3, and split up to win singles matches from the Nos. 3 and 4 singles slots, respectively. Sanchez beat De Anza’s Izabella Hauger, 6-0, 6-0, while Polonyi ousted Meike Huizinga, 6-1, 6-2. Cerritos’ other point came in the form of an 8-3 victory from doubles partners Jovana Milosevic and Danielle Pastor. Nguyen and Polina Gorshenina defeated Heath and Anastasia Khomyachenko, 8-3, to earn the lone point for the Dons, 1998 CCCAA State champions and four-time Northern California region champs. The Falcons (25-1) ended the season on an 18-match winning streak and, like Irvine Valley’s men, went undefeated against CCCAA foes. Upstart De Anza was the No. 4 seed from Northern California, having defeated the top two seeds in the north – No. 1 Fresno City College and No. 2 Canada College in the NorCal region semifinals and finals, respectively.

### **TONIGHT’S BBQ GUESTS:**

Former legendary Coach Dick Leach of USC and UCLA's Glenn Bassett will return to The Ojai on Thursday night as special guests during the Opening Night BBQ.

Bassett first played at The Ojai in 1942 – 74 years ago – as a scrappy, 12-year-old Lincoln Junior High student who found himself in the final of The Ojai Boys' 14-and-Under singles division against Beverly Vista's Herb Flam.

Coach Leach made the Men's Open doubles final four straight years in the late 1960s with his partner Robert Potthast. Two years after Stan Smith and Bob Lutz won it in 1965, Smith and Potthast took home the title in 1968 and 1969, making the final again in 1977 with Tom Leonard. In the 1978 Leach won Ojai with Jan-Erik Palm.

Bassett went on to coach the UCLA team for 27 seasons (from 1967 to 1993). At UCLA, he compiled a record of 592-92-2, winning 13 conference championships, seven NCAA team championships (1970, 1971, 1975, 1976, 1979, 1982 and 1984) and producing three NCAA singles champions, four NCAA doubles team champions and 49 All-Americans.

Both of these coaching icons will be honored this year at The Ojai and will be special guests at the annual Thursday Night Player Party BBQ where they will be introduced by current USC Coach Peter Smith and UCLA's Billy Martin and interviewed by Mark Weil.